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The Debris Field Shipwreck network conference set for Sault Ste. Marie

The Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society will hold a Historic Preservation Network Conference on September 11 thru 12. Pat Labadie of the Canal Park Museum, and Joyce Hayward and Tom Farnquist of the diver coordinating committee of the Association for Great Lakes Maritime History will take part in the program.

For more information, contact the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society, 111 Ashmun, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

In a recent *U/W USA* story on the Nordmeer wreck in Lake Huron near Alpena, Mich., there was a reference to a group called The Great Lakes Underwater Photographic Group. The group is headquartered in Ann Arbor, Mich., and the contact person is Lew Pavlovich, 2895 South Fenmore, Merrill, MI 48637 (telephone: 517-643-5864).

Just prior to its sinking in a storm in Lake Superior in 1975, the Edmund Fitzgerald lost an anchor in the waters of the Detroit River. That anchor was recovered recently by a team of divers working with the Dawson Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle in Detroit.

A group of Washington dive clubs recently formed the Washington Scuba Alliance. One of the Alliance's top priorities is the development and enhancement of underwater preserves, parks, historical sites, geological formations and natural habitats.

The WSA's board of directors contains representatives from eight Puget Sound dive clubs, and the contact person is Dennis Hovorka, P.O. Box 4147, Berrington, WA 98312 (telephone: 604-373-3753).

Fall meeting planned for Duluth on Saturday, Sept. 19

This year's fall meeting of WUAA is being held in Duluth, Minn., on Saturday, Sept. 19, to allow members to take advantage of the annual meeting of the Association of Great Lakes Maritime History.

The Saturday program of the AGLMH conference will feature eight prominent speakers and is available free to members and \$5 for non-members. There will also be a luncheon at the Park Inn, and a reception aboard the museum ship William A. Irvin on Saturday (cost: \$12 for AGLMH members and \$20 for non-members).

An individual membership in the association is \$35 per person, and can be purchased while registering for the Saturday program. The speakers will begin at 9 a.m. with a presentation on "Alice and the Kamloops, stories surrounding an Isle Royale shipwreck" by Thomas R. Holden, assistant director of the Canal Park Marine Museum in Duluth (for more on the museum see story in this issue).

At 9:30 a.m., Dr. Victoria Brehm will present "Going Past the Islands: Women in Great Lakes Maritime Literature." Dr. Brehm

is a professor of American literature at Grand Valley State College in Grand Rapids, Mich.

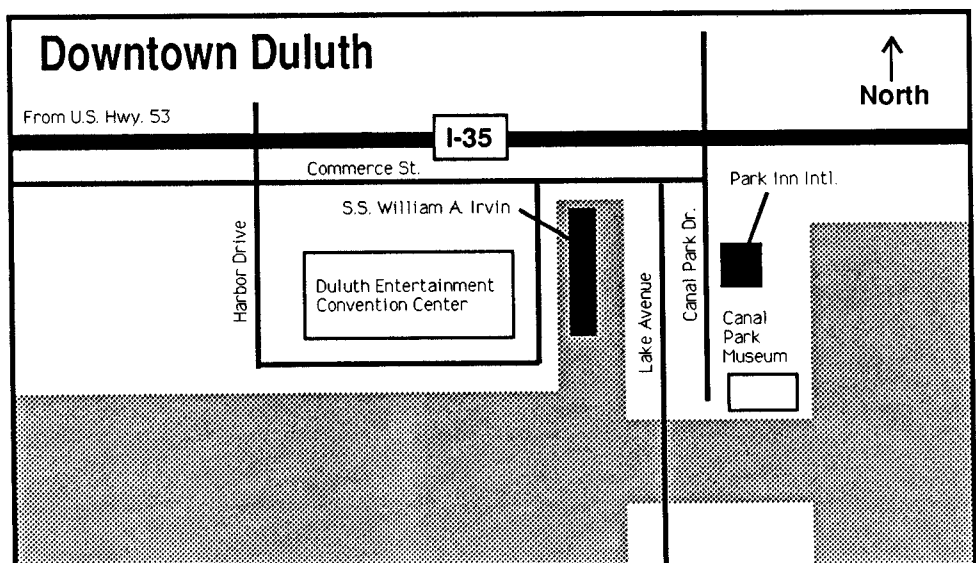
That talk will be followed by a presentation on "The Great Lakes Transportation Industry, 1880-1914" by Dr. Jerome Laurent, a professor of economics at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. Dr. Laurent's program will begin at 10 a.m.

Dr. Thomas Buckley, an adjunct professor of history at the Minneapolis campus of the University of Minnesota will discuss "James J. Hill and the Northern Steamship Co." beginning at 10:45 a.m. Lunch will be from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m.

Following lunch, Raymond Skelton will present a program entitled "The Evolution of Self-Unloading Bulk Carriers on the Great Lakes." Skelton is special projects director for the Seaway Port Authority of Duluth.

At 1 p.m., there will either be a presentation by Pat Labadie, director of the Canal Park Marine Museum, or Frank Cantelas, a graduate student in underwater archeology at East Carolina University. Labadie's tentatively plans to talk on "Analyzing Minnesota's Ship-

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Association for Great Lakes Maritime History Networking is a major focus of group

The Association for Great Lakes Maritime History (AGLMH) is a network of maritime museums and individuals dedicated to the exchange of ideas and information on the maritime history of the Great Lakes.

Formed in 1984, the Association and its members are actively involved in both research and publishing in both the U.S. and Canada. Burt Logan, director of the Manitowoc Maritime Museum, is the association's current president.

Individuals may join the AGLMH for \$35 per year. One of the benefits of membership is the association's newsletter which is a treasure trove of information on new publications, research, projects and generally what is happening in the Great Lakes maritime history community.

For membership information, interested individuals may contact David Glick, the AGLMH's newsletter editor. His summer address is P.O. Box 25, Lakeside, OH 43440 (telephone: 419-798-4661), and his winter address is P.O. Box 292, Matlacha, FL 33909 (telephone: 813-283-5049).

The AGLMH's 1992 annual conference will be held in Duluth, Minn., at the Park Inn International, which is located at 250 Canal Park Drive, just a half-block from I-35 and two blocks from the Canal Park Museum. Individuals wishing to join the association may do so while registering for the event.

Early registration will begin on Thursday, Sept. 17, at the Park Inn. According to some

early conference information, a dive trip to the S.P. Ely at Two Harbors or the Madiera at Split Rock may be available. For more information call Pat Labadie at Canal Park at 1-218-727-2497.

The only cost of the conference is the luncheons and dinners which total \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members. There will be a reception for AGLMH members at the Canal Park Museum at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

On Friday, there will association business meetings from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a luncheon scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will a ship tour of the port of Duluth on Friday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

In the evening, there will cocktails and dinner at the Kitchi Gammi Club beginning at 7 p.m. (note: the Club's dress code requires suit jackets and ties for men, and dresses or skirts for women).

On Saturday, there will be a series of lectures during the day (see separate story). At 4 p.m., there will be a yacht tour of the Duluth-Superior Harbor, and later a reception on the William A. Irvin beginning at 6:30 p.m. There is an optional trip on Sunday morning to Iron World USA.

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Around the Great Lakes **New York group conducts u/w archeology workshop**

Last spring, WUAA conducted its first weekend training seminar on underwater archeology in the waters of Lake Michigan. Over 20 people participated in the seminar.

According to a report in U/W USA, a similar seminar was conducted in the waters of Lake Ontario near Oswego, N.Y. Held at the State University of New York in Oswego, the seminar attracted over 40 sport divers.

The three-day workshop on underwater archeology was co-sponsored by the New York Sea Grant program, Oswego Maritime Heritage Foundation, Great Lakes Dive Association, Underwater Archeological Society and the H. Lee White Marine Museum.

The contact person for the program was David White of the Sea Grant program (telephone: 315-341-3042).

In addition to two days of training in basic underwater archeological methods, the third day of the workshop consisted of a simulation exercise entitled "Tapes, Grids and Murphy's Law." The exercise was developed, in part, by R. Duncan Mathewson, a marine archeologist with the National Center for Shipwreck Research in Islamorada, Fla. (telephone: 305-852-1690).

The simulation was meant to show students how surveying a shipwreck site not only requires a knowledge of archeological methods, but also how to deal with environmental conditions, and other factors such as state preservation laws, writing, research design, conducting a television interview, participating in a public hearing, and public relations with land owners, fisherman and other interest groups.

Fall meeting in Duluth

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wreck Resources" while Cantelas' program would be on the status of research into the Millecoquins shipwreck site.

Following that program, Jerry Eliason, a Minnesota shipwreck diver and photographer, will present "Turning Every Stone: Researching the Onoko Wreck." Eliason's program will begin at 1:30 p.m.

The final presentation will be by Hawk Tolson, project director for the vernacular small craft survey at Isle Royale National Park. Tolson will discuss "Gas Boats of Western Lake Superior" beginning at 2 p.m.

Following the last presentation, the WUAA's fall business meeting will be held at a site to be determined.

Among the items to be discussed are plans for additional training programs, research projects and the spring meeting. Members are also encouraged to give short updates on their individual projects.

Duluth-Superior area accommodations and maritime history attractions

For those who have only heard rumors about the city at the western most point of Lake Superior, Duluth may come as a pleasant surprise.

During the fall, the weather is normally dry and daytime temperatures can range from 40 to 70 degrees. Hotel accommodations can range from pricey to something even under-funded divers can afford.

The Park Inn International (telephone: 1-800-777-8560), which is the location of the Association for Great Lakes Maritime History annual meeting, has rooms from \$63 per night for a single or \$68 for double occupancy. The room rate includes a free breakfast, and rooms that face the lake have charge a \$20 premium.

Other nearby hotels and motels include: the Best Western Downtown (telephone: 1-800-528-1234), which has summer rate of from \$43 to \$69 per night; the Comfort Suites of Duluth (telephone: 1-800-221-

2222), not rates available; the Holiday Inn Duluth (telephone: 1-800-477-7089), which has summer rates of \$75 to \$95 per night; and the Voyageur Motel (telephone: 1-800-258-3911), which has summer rates of \$40 to \$60 per night.

In addition to Canal Park Museum, the Duluth-Superior area also offers several other maritime historic sites and museums. Among the most interesting is the S.S. Meteor Whaleback Museum which is located on Superior's lake front along U.S. Highway 53. There is also the William A. Irvin, a Great Lakes freighter turned into a museum ship in Duluth's downtown harbor area.

For more information and a brochure on attractions and accommodations in the Duluth-Superior area, contact the Duluth Convention and Visitors Bureau at 100 Lake Place Drive, Duluth, Minn. 55802 (telephone: 1-800-438-5885).

WUAA Membership Application



As a private, non-profit organization, the Wisconsin Underwater Archeological Association presents an opportunity for both individuals and organizations to participate in and contribute to state efforts in u/w archeological research and preservation. Dues are \$15 per year.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone: Day _____ Evenings _____

Since we are a new organization, we would like your input on the types of goals the association should have:

- ☐ Documentation of state underwater archeological sites
- ☐ Training individuals in u/w archeological methods
- ☐ Exchange of information between members
- ☐ Preservation of state underwater archeological sites
- ☐ Public education on underwater heritage
- ☐ Creation of state underwater preserves
- ☐ Others: _____

I would like to be involved in the following activities:

- ☐ Archival research
- ☐ Training in archeological methods
- ☐ On-site work - shoreside
- ☐ On-site work - underwater
- ☐ Association Committees:
- ☐ Newsletter ☐ Organization
- ☐ Training ☐ Membership
- ☐ Other: _____

Make \$15 check payable to "WUAA" and mail with this form to:

Wis. Underwater Archeological Association - P.O. Box 6081 - Madison, WI 53715

WUAA Annual Fall Meeting

WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 19, 9 a.m.

WHERE: Park Inn Intl., Duluth, Minn.

We will be meeting in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association of Great Lakes Maritime History, which has scheduled a lecture program with eight speakers beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday morning (see page 1 story for details). The cost will be \$5 per person for non-members of AGLMH.

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